

BLACKSMITH SHOP
Off of Mine Street, behind Machine Shop
Calumet
Houghton County
Michigan

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Location: South of Red Jacket Road, the Blacksmith Shop was originally part of the Hecla Mining Company's territory. It is presently located behind the Machine Shop, a structure that fronts Mine Street, in Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan.

Present Owner: The chain of title information is as follows:

TwP 56N Range 33W Section 23

I. E $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$
Patent
State of Michigan to
St. Mary's Falls Ship Canal Co.
May 25, 1855, rec. September 4, 1875
Volume 17, p. 2.

II. E $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$
Warranty Deed
St. Mary's Falls Ship Canal Co. to
St. Mary's Canal Mineral Land Co.
June 8, 1860, rec. June 23, 1862
Volume 5, p. 316.

III. E $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$
Warranty Deed
St. Mary's Canal Mineral Land Co. to
Hecla Mining Company
September 11, 1866, rec. October 15, 1866
Volume 8, p. 371.

IV. Merger of Hecla Mining Company with Calumet Mining
Company to form the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company
March 1871
Red Metal, p. 71.

V. Formation of the Calumet & Hecla Consolidated Copper
Company
September 10, 1923
Red Metal, p. 140.

VI. Formation of the Calumet & Hecla Consolidated Copper Company
November 8, 1952
Volume MR, p. 312.

VII. Merger between Calumet & Hecla and Universal Oil Products
April 25, 1968.

Present Occupant: Presumed vacant.

Notes: The Blacksmith Shop was erected in 1883 to serve as a locomotive house for the narrow gauge, Hecla and Torch Lake Railroad. Later, the mining company used the building as a smith shop and the company men added onto the Hecla Blacksmith Shop in 1904. The shop measures 96' x 54'; it has hammar dressed broken ashlar masonry walls made of local, gray poor rock. The hipped roof is covered by #20 galvanized corrugated iron and the fenestration accented by segmental arches.¹

Sources: Charles K. Hyde and Diane B. Abbot, The Upper Peninsula of Michigan: An Inventory of Historic Engineering and Industrial Sites (Washington: Historic American Engineering Record, 1978, cited in "Calumet and Hecla Industrial District," Nomination form 1974, 1977, National Register for Historic Places, National Park Service.

"Coppertown USA." Barton-Aschman Associates, Inc., for the UOP Realty Development Company, 1972.

Historians: The summer historians were Kevin Harrington and Wendy Nicholas, who worked for the Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record on the Calumet area survey in 1975.

¹ Kevin Harrington and Wendy Nicholas, notes, 1975, including excerpt from the "Summary of the Operations of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company"; "Coppertown USA," Barton-Aschman Associates, Inc., for the UOP Realty Development Company, 1972, p. 50.